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PRODUCTION OF MOSQUITO NETS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the severe problems being faced by the domestic manufacturers and traders of mosquito nets; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of manufacturers, traders and workers engaged in the production of mosquito nets in Karur, Tamil Nadu and other States and to boost its production, sales and exports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) and b): There are approximately 3000 looms and 70 extrusion units in and around Karur for making mosquito net fabric. The total production in Karur district is approximately 6000 tonnes per day of mosquito knitted fabrics. There are 500 small mosquito net units with 2000 warp knitting machine. Ministry of Textiles have informed that the entire production is sold in the domestic market itself. However, the production, sale and export of mosquito nets are driven by market forces.